

House Resolution 1185

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Henry Clay Ficklin on the occasion of his 31st
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry Clay Ficklin has devoted 31 years to preaching the Word of
4 God and leading his community at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Macon,
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Ficklin has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
7 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
8 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

9 WHEREAS, during his time leading Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, the church has
10 grown into a phenomenal place of worship, uplifting the community like the light of
11 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
13 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
14 humanitarian, Reverend Ficklin serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

15 WHEREAS, as a minister of the Gospel, Reverend Ficklin has shown the energy, devotion,
16 and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance which has allowed the Word of God to
17 spread throughout the community; and

18 WHEREAS, on September 26, 2009, Reverend Ficklin celebrated the 31st anniversary of his
19 pastorship with Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Ficklin is a source of
21 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Ficklin's guidance and inspiration have helped establish Mt. Vernon
23 Missionary Baptist Church as a community presence, allowing the church to serve as an
24 uplifting spiritual beacon of hope; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
26 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
27 on behalf of persons in need.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 Reverend Henry Clay Ficklin is hereby congratulated on the wonderful occasion of his 31st
30 pastoral anniversary and commended for the leadership and guidance he has provided the
31 members of his church and the surrounding community.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Henry Clay
34 Ficklin.